## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 22 are original in the application. In the present amendment, Applicants amend Claims 1, 16 and 21 and add new Claims 23 – 27.

## REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants respectfully request examination of the application with consideration of Claims 1 - 27 as presented herein. Applicants believe Claims 1 - 27 to be patentable and accordingly request early allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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